

House File 2332 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to financial support for the development of
2 early childhood educators.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 84A.1B, subsection 14, paragraph a, Code
2 2022, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. (1) An entry-level hourly wage of not less than fourteen
4 dollars.

5 (2) Subparagraph (1) does not apply to jobs at child
6 development homes or licensed child care facilities, as those
7 terms are defined in section 237A.1, or state or federally
8 regulated preschools, for purposes of the future ready Iowa
9 skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship program under section
10 261.131.

11 Sec. 2. Section 256I.11, Code 2022, is amended by adding the
12 following new subsection:

13 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. For the fiscal year beginning July 1,
14 2022, and each subsequent fiscal year, there is appropriated
15 from the general fund of the state to the early childhood
16 Iowa fund the amount of two hundred sixty-five thousand nine
17 hundred fifty dollars. Moneys appropriated pursuant to this
18 subsection shall be used by the state board for the purpose of
19 assisting in expenses for skills development, tuition expenses,
20 endorsements for teaching licenses, and licensure renewal
21 for child care providers working in a facility licensed or
22 regulated by the state or a federal agency.

23 EXPLANATION

24 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
25 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

26 This bill relates to financial support for the development
27 of early childhood educators.

28 The bill exempts jobs at child development homes, licensed
29 child care facilities, or state or federally regulated
30 preschools from the entry-level hourly wage requirement to
31 qualify as a high-demand job for the purposes of the future
32 ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship program.
33 The program covers the gap between federal and state grants
34 and scholarships and tuition and qualified fees for eligible
35 students in a program of study that leads to a high-demand job

1 as designated by the workforce development board or a community
2 college.

3 The bill provides for a standing appropriation beginning
4 FY 2022-2023 from the general fund of the state to the early
5 childhood Iowa fund of \$265,950. Moneys appropriated pursuant
6 to the bill shall be used by the early childhood Iowa state
7 board for the purpose of assisting in expenses for skills
8 development, tuition expenses, endorsements for teaching
9 licenses, and licensure renewal for child care providers
10 working in a facility licensed or regulated by the state or a
11 federal agency.